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EDITORIAL: The 93rd Annual Meeting

The old crew, having rowed the course with a steady, driving stroke, making good time over the 12-month stretch, feathered oars to await the choice of club members, their backers, for the next stage, carrying us still farther away from the starting point, back in 1858.

No newcomer aspired to take the oar of any one of the old crew.

Not that others were unwilling or unqualified. A club claiming more than 2,000 members may call from its ranks many equipped with the personal and administrative requisites.

Generally there was a feeling that no purpose would be served by changing a crew which had acquired rhythm and, in the words of the chanty,

"A long, long pull, and a strong, strong pull," through association and experience.

Now the crew is swinging again along a course which is not measured in metres, but by time. The task will be to keep the boat moving sweetly, as an evenly balanced crew can do.

The course is not without hazards in its sweeps and bends conditioned by currents and agitation unforeseen.

However, the old crew carries our confidence. If it produces a repeat performance at the finishing line of 1951, club members will acknowledge again that they have had a really good run for their money.

KEEPING POSTED

GOOD wishes to "Bunkie" Naylor who left by air for the land of movie stars and bubble gum on June 19. He expects to be away from Sydney for some months.

EVENT of the Month Department. Messrs. Tom Powell, Arthur Norton, Jack Mandel and Fred Vockler attending English meetings sartorially elegant in tops hats. (See inside back cover.)

THE roving reporter also writes that Rev. George Cowie is doing his usual good job while on holiday in Tasmania.

WARNING to Other States Section: Treasurer Jack Roles left for W.A. on 23rd June on a trip of business-with-pleasure. A trio—J. Coughlan, W. I. Hill, Fred Belot, will leave for W.A. on the Orion on 8th July, for pleasure-with-business.

WALLY WATSON, returned from a trip to West Australia, brought greetings from Furza Brady, who plans to attend the Spring meeting here.

BECAUSE he was sure that the Newcastle Meeting set down for June 17 would have to be postponed, and determined not to miss a Saturday's racing, Bert Bowser came down to Sydney for that week-end. The A.J.C. postponed, the N.J.C. didn't... in disgust Bert attended the V.R.C. meeting, in an arm-chair by the radio.

WHETHER he feels he has really earned it or not, Mr. Thomas Cox is obviously enjoying his three months' holiday from bossing his Guest House at Jervis Bay.

THE good wishes of all members will go to several of our friends who have been having a spell in hospital. Among them, Dan Casey, expecting soon to be up and about again; and E. A. Moore, missing for only a week or two, and now apparently full of his old health, strength and vigour. Fred Christie—a new member—is also now up and about again.

THREE is something out of the ordinary about a man who can claim membership of a Club for more than the half-century; and there is, too, something out of the ordinary about a Club that holds a man's membership for that length of time. So when we congratulate Alf Genge on reaching the fine old age of 90 years on the 29th June, and on his membership of Tattersall's Club for 61 years, we can as a Club congratulate ourselves, too.

IN a letter received by Alf Collins from South Africa, Hedley Ward comments: "Received the Club Magazine this morning and see that Tatt's election is on again by the photos of the retiring committeemen. None appears to be a day older than when I was in Sydney! Nothing like having young men to do the work, particularly men of experience with youthful faces... it is difficult to see how the members could replace such remarkably well-preserved men. The punting coterie have happy expressions, and the bookmaking pair no pecuniary worries at all." Hedley Ward will be remembered as Sporting Editor of the Herald. He went to South Africa, became a stipendiary steward of the S.A. Turf Club. He has been secretary of this body for some years.

DO you remember the sort of grandfather clock that told the date of the month, the day, the hour, the minute and the second—as well as the phases of the moon? John Fox has a Swiss wristwatch that does all that, and includes a stop-watch with recorder, as well. His friends say that if he only knew how to manipulate its buttons and levers right it would come up with the winners every Saturday.

A SMALL group of members entertained Alf Genge in the private room on the second floor, on his 90th birthday—29th June. Speeches were restricted by common consent, but Hugh Macken's effort while making the Birthday Presentation was excelled in wit and pithiness only by Alf's reply.

**Happy
Birthday
to You!**

JULY

1 John Fox	17 L. Mitchell
4 J. H. Abbs	18 F. A. Halcroft
8 C. Horley	19 A. H. Stocks
11 I. E. Ives	27 J. B. Charlton
J. T. Wilson	John Colquhoun
13 F. C. Belot	28 L. J. Maidment
15 W. M. Gollan	C. J. Shepherd
N. Eggle	C. R. Lawler
R. C. Chapple	30 Robert Mead
A. J. Chown	

AUGUST

1 S. J. Fox	15 R. B. Hughes
6 P. B. Lusk	18 Prof. J. D. Stewart
John Hughes	
7 A. T. Selman	19 A. F. Gay
8 Greg. Keighery	21 N. C. Malley
9 D. Regis Flan-	22 P. B. Lindsay
agan	23 Michael Tobin
12 J. Stewart	25 A. Mair
14 E. K. White	26 P. H. Coldstein
S. Bibar	Arthur Langley
W. J. Walsh	30 E. H. Bowman
	31 Emil Sodersten

Members are invited to notify the Editor of the date of their Birthday.

THEY say there is in Sydney to-day a great shortage of books written about Snooker. Rumour has it that one of our most enthusiastic players, Albert Gelling, has purchased all those available. We sincerely hope the knowledge obtained from these will be reflected in future games.

ONE of our well-known racing members is a strong supporter of our tournaments. Huge sums at stake on horses worry him little, but when he has a small interest in the games he becomes fidgety and moves around. He is easily identified by his sonorous "Beautiful shot."

AMONG the lesser casualties of The Rains were Norm White, Peter McGrath and Bill Sellen, Jnr. They undertook the long but interesting hike over the track from Robertson to Kiama past Carrington Falls on the week-end the weather prophets said would be fine. A very wet trio were extremely glad to see Stuart Murray with his car at their rendezvous in Kiama.

THE many good friends of G. Jeffrey will be pleased to hear of his remarkable recovery. While he is not yet fully restored to good health, he is well along the road. Sam Lands, too, who has now been on the sick-list for nearly six months, is making a great recovery and should soon be around the Club again.

OBITUARIES

JAMES CLAYTON (Newcastle) — Elected 20/3/1933; Died 22/5/1950.

HARRY CANTOR (Sydney) — Elected 23/11/1908; Died 24/5/1950.

Dr. WALTER McDONNELL KELLY (Burwood) — Elected 13/4/1896; Died 4/6/1950.

GEORGE TREWEEKE (Mosman) — Elected 26/9/1938; Died 6/6/1950.

BERT LIGHT (Manly) — Elected 26/3/1923; Died 7/6/1950.

THE tragic death of Mr. BERT LIGHT cast quite a gloom over the Club. Mr. Light became a member of the Club in 1923 and was also a member of the Newcastle Jockey Club Committee at the time of his death.

He was very prominent in the sporting and commercial life of his home town, Newcastle, and was a past-president of Newcastle Jockey Club and also Newcastle Tattersall's Club.

During his long association with the turf he raced several horses. In association with his close friend, Mr. Otto Baldwin, of Durham Park, he raced Promptitude by Promised Land (imp.) from Instantaneous. The brown gelding won four races in succession at Canterbury, Randwick, Moorefield and Rosehill before the handicapper got his measure. An understanding man of genial disposition, Bert Light made many friends in the sporting community of Australia.

EVENT of the Month Department — No. 2: Rex Sanderson, complete with Homburg and cigars, at Newcastle Tattersall's Club Meeting.



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John Hickey (Chairman), J. A. Roles (Treasurer), G. Chiene, A. V. Miller, G. J. C. Moore, W. H. Sellen

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P. B. Lindsay (Hon. Secretary).

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IN AND OUT OF THE POOL

Murray Leads Season's Points Score

Running neck-and-neck with Vic. Richards, Clive Hoole following, 10 points behind.

TAKING full advantage of Vic. Richards' absence from Sydney on holidays, Stu. Murray pulled up his ten points' leeway in the Season's Point Score and when Richards came home Vic. found himself half a point astern.

To make it worse for him, Murray continued to pile up the points and with four races to go to complete the season the position is most interesting with Murray 2½ points in the lead.

It's going to be tough going for him to hold that lead to the end as he broke his time in a recent race and has lost a second of his handicap.

Whilst it looks a certainty for first place between Murray and Richards, Clive Hoole, eleven points behind the latter, looks as sure to be third, as he has ten points up his sleeve over Harry Davis with Malcolm Fuller only four further behind.

Actually Fuller would be right up with the two leaders only for the fact that he has to miss quite a few races.

Stu. Murray took the June Point Score by half a point from Arthur McCamley, who had to win the last Brace Relay of the series to take the trophy.

With Clive Hoole as partner he looked sure to do this but "the bolter" came along and Fuller and Dexter landed first place after a fine tussle and deprived McCamley of his "pot."

We tipped last month that it would not be long before new member Cedric Emanuel proved his worth and during June he partnered Jack Shaffran to win a Brace Relay.

Aided by a sympathetic handicapper, who put him up a second,

Bill Kendall was first to the post for the first time in his association with the Club in a 40 yards Handicap. Even then it was only a tie for first but still it was a reason for an outburst of pleasure by members.

Bill put up 18-1/5 secs. in both heat and final and, provided he's able to start in all four races he should be a tough nut to crack in the July Point Score.

Welcome back to G. Eastment, who put in an appearance during the month, whilst it was worthy of note that Hans Robertson also came along but did not start owing to an error by officials.

It would be first rate to see Hans in action again. He could make the Club Championship mighty interesting.

Bruce Chiene, winner of last season's "Native Son" Trophy, also appeared but was outed for anticipating the start. Better luck next time, Bruce!

Best winning times during June were:—18-1/5 (twice), W. Kendall; 19-3/5, V. Richards; 20-3/5 (twice), W. G. Dovey; 21-1/5, H. E. Davis.

Sympathy is expressed to Sam Block over the passing of his father during June. The sad blow came at the beginning of Sam's holidays and members will miss him for a few weeks.

It is noted that one of our Club stalwarts, Bob Withycombe, was first home in Royal Sydney's big Open Golf-tournament, heading the pros. and all comers. Congratulations, Bob!

Results

30th May, 40 Yards Handicap—First Division Final: A. K. Webber (26), 1; Arthur McCam-

ley (28), 2; C. Hoole (22), 3. Time 25-1/5 secs. Second Division Final: W. G. Dovey (21), 1; H. E. Davis (22), 2; S. B. Solomon (27), 3. Time 20-3/5 secs.

6th June, 80 Yards Brace Relay Handicap—C. Emanuel and J. Shaffran (44), 1; S. Murray and W. B. Phillips (46), 2; K. Hunter and S. B. Solomon (50), 3. Time 43 secs.

13th June, 40 Yards Handicap—S. Murray (25) and W. Kendall (19), 1; P. Lindsay (23), 3. Times, 24-1/5 and 18-1/5 secs.

20th June, 80 Yards Brace Relay Handicap—J. O. Dexter and M. Fuller (42), 1; Arthur McCamley and C. Hoole (50), 2. Time 41-4/5 secs.

June Point Score

Result of this series—

S. Murray, 21 points, 1; Arthur McCamley, 20½, 2; C. Hoole, W. G. Dovey and H. E. Davis, 19½, 3; J. O. Dexter, 19, 6; P. Lindsay, 18, 7; J. Shaffran, 17, 8; A. K. Webber, 16½, 9; M. Fuller, 16, 10; S. B. Solomon and C. Emanuel, 14½, 11; W. B. Phillips, 14, 13.

1949-1950 Season's Point Score

With four more events to complete the season the leaders in this series are:—S. Murray, 155½; V. Richards, 153; C. Hoole, 142; H. E. Davis, 132; M. Fuller, 128; W. G. Dovey, 122½; J. O. Dexter, 120½; S. B. Solomon, 117½; A. K. Webber, 114½; Arthur McCamley, 113½; W. B. Phillips, 109½; Neil Barrell, 108; P. Lindsay, 106½; J. Shaffran, 106; J. Adams, 103½; M. Sellen, 101½; G. Goldie, 95; W. Kendall, 93; K. Hunter, 86½; P. Hill, 76; W. K. Sherman, 75; R. L. Richards, 69½; G. Boulton, 68; C. B. Phillips, 67½.



Club's Treasurer will no longer Call the Odds

No longer will the Club's Treasurer, Mr. Jack Roles, be seen at Randwick in his familiar role—that of paddock bookmaker. He has returned his licence to the A.J.C. after a long, interesting, and honourable 42 years as caller of the odds. First three of those years were spent in the St. Leger reserve.

MR. ROLES, a keen, tireless, and capable executive, joined Tattersall's Club in 1911. That was a long time ago, but more than half of it has been spent, and happily, in looking after the welfare of club members. As from April 24, 1924, Mr. Roles has been a member of committee and for the past 12 months or so has filled position of hon-treasurer and making a grand job of it.

Four decades of calling the odds were brimful of interest and at times not a little excitement. As Past President of Tattersall's Bowling Club and a member of both City and Double Bay Clubs, he will now have more time to play his favourite game while retaining his many activities with the Club. He has been a tower of strength from the Club's point of view and will continue to help all sections in any way at all.

Mr. Roles joined A.J.C. ranks of bookmakers on August 1, 1908, and his resignation became effective in May. He was senior paddock bookmaker with the head body of N.S.W. racing.

In his early manhood the familiar tote and betting shops

did flourishing business round the city area. Locations of those shops are still well remembered by many club members. Mr. Roles, like many other young men of their day, soon got hold of the once popular small doubles' books (£7/10/- to 1/-) on A.J.C. Epsom and The Metropolitan. Not so many of these books are around now but there are other means of making a bet and known to those who wish to indulge. Anyway, the early bookie got off to a flying start as a layer of the odds. No one picked the double though the first "leg," Famous, started 4 to 1 favourite. It was the second "leg," Marvel Loch, that surprised. Marvel Loch went to the post at 25 to 1. That was in the spring of 1903.

For a time Mr. Roles also looked like taking a prominent part in the hotel-keeping business. His father, Mr. John Roles, a hotel-keeper and at time licensee of the "Austral Club," now the "Piccadilly" in Victoria St., King's Cross, died in 1904. Jack then helped his mother out for a time and acted as manager. A little later he became licensee of the "Royal Exchange" Hotel, Marrickville, and retained it till 1912. While mine host of that hotel he started bookmaking in 1908, first in the St. Leger and three years later in the paddock.

Many changes have taken place since his first early venture as a caller of the odds. For instance, in his first years there was no tote betting, no ticket tax, and no turnover tax. A book amounting to between £500 and £750 per race was something to talk about. Majority of the fielders held £200 to £300 books and were quite happy about it. The ringmen were able to lay the outsiders not at 100 to 1 and more as now, but they got them in at 25 and 33 to 1. When the tote came into operation, backers of outsiders, or most of them, preferred to have a shot at the machine form of wagering.

Asked to name best horse he had seen racing Mr. Roles, like many others, plumped for Phar Lap, but he added, with a smile, "There were two which I found gave me happy results, Murray King at 200 to 1 in 1926 Sydney Cup and Strength at 50 to 1 in 1931 A.J.C. Metropolitan."

Racing de luxe he found when attending Royal Ascot in 1932 as guest of Mr. Peter M. Dewar of the well-known whisky firm. Mr. Roles will continue to attend A.J.C. meetings and go to Melbourne each year for the Cup. Since Apologue's year (1907) he has missed four Cups only and that was because he was away from Australia or was unable to attend because of business reasons. He will find ample time for reflection over his 42 years as a member of the ring.

Billiard and Snooker Results

GREAT interest than ever is being taken in the Billiards and Snooker tournaments. It is said that there are as many members practising on private tables as on the Club's. Must be a few dark horses in the tournaments this year.

COMING Events: After the conclusion of the tournaments, a Billiards Championship will be held. Entries will close a fortnight before the starting date, which has not yet been set. Another event pending, is an exhibition of billiards and snooker by T. Cleary and W. G. Marshall. Ladies are invited, and buffet supper will be served. Remember the date—Friday, 14th July, commencing at 8.15 p.m.

IT is pleasing to note that some of our younger members are showing great improvement in their play. One who has impressed particularly is Alan Howarth, who claims consideration in any forecast of who will win the tournament. Amongst the long-markers, Jim Anderson and Claude Moore also have great prospects. Two of our evergreens, Bill Longworth and Hans Robertson, are showing some of their old-time form.

OUR N.S.W. champion, Arthur Bull (owes 250), gave a fine exhibition of billiards in defeating Len Plasto (rec. 85) by 132. Arthur made breaks of 93, 66, 57, 57, 35, 34, 32. It is many years since one of our members has played such a fine game in our tournaments.

ANOTHER case of what practice will do is exemplified by Harold Kent. Harold, who was a good golfer and billiardist of other days has been practising assiduously of late; hence his easy assurance in winning his game against Bill Dovey.

ANNUAL BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT

Results to 21/6/50

A. C. Gelling	(Rec. 130)	beat H. Fredman	(Rec. 100)	by	61
R. H. Alderson	(Rec. 40)	„ Nat Seamonds	(Rec. 160)	„	10
J. R. Coen	(Rec. 95)	„ C. O. Chambers	(Rec. 125)	„	28
Dr. A. S. Reading	(Rec. 150)	„ A. J. Chown	(Scratch)	„	8
E. N. Welsh	(Rec. 120)	„ G. Fienberg	(Scratch)	„	33
J. W. Douglass	(Rec. 50)	„ R. Price	(Rec. 50)	„	4
N. R. Plomley	(Rec. 50)	„ H. Hill	(Rec. 80)	„	5
Jack Davis	(Rec. 125)	„ F. E. Headlam	(Rec. 45)	„	25
H. G. Parr	(Rec. 50)	„ A. J. Naylor	(Rec. 45)	„	forfeit
A. J. McGill	(Rec. 100)	„ J. Harris	(Rec. 80)	„	3
C. F. Scarf	(Rec. 120)	„ J. D. Mullan	(Rec. 140)	„	forfeit
J. W. Anderson	(Rec. 125)	„ J. W. Anderson	(Rec. 125)	„	62
K. Ranger	(Rec. 100)	„ R. Rattray	(Rec. 100)	„	28
L. J. Fingleton	(Rec. 80)	„ H. J. Robertson	(Owes 50)	„	95
W. M. Hannan	(Rec. 115)	„ L. R. Flack	(Rec. 90)	„	19
A. J. Howarth	(Rec. 100)	„ C. G. Allman	(Rec. 125)	„	66
C. L. Parker	(Rec. 120)	„ G. H. Booth	(Rec. 130)	„	55
E. K. White	(Rec. 90)	„ R. Price	(Rec. 100)	„	49
F. J. Empson	(Rec. 110)	„ A. V. Miller	(Scratch)	„	19
E. W. Abbott	(Rec. 130)	„ R. B. Barmby	(Rec. 100)	„	48
A. G. Bull	(Owes 100)	„ L. P. Plasto	(Rec. 85)	„	132
B. M. Lane	(Rec. 100)	„ J. I. Armstrong	(Rec. 120)	„	14
H. F. Kent	(Rec. 100)	„ W. R. Dovey	(Rec. 100)	„	69
T. Leach	(Rec. 125)	„ W. P. Keighery	(Rec. 45)	„	forfeit
J. A. Roles	(Rec. 100)	„ W. S. Edwards	(Rec. 125)	„	56
C. F. Scarf	(Rec. 120)	„ J. D. Mullan	(Rec. 140)	„	forfeit

ANNUAL SNOOKER TOURNAMENT

Results to 21/6/50

I. E. Stanford	(Rec. 40)	beat B. Partridge	(Rec. 45)	by	37
Dr. A. S. Reading	(Rec. 50)	„ L. Tasker	(Rec. 55)	„	1
A. H. Stocks	(Rec. 55)	„ J. A. Shaw	(Rec. 50)	„	20
W. G. Marshall	(Rec. 50)	„ J. D. Mullan	(Rec. 55)	„	forfeit
Dr. N. Davis	(Rec. 50)	„ D. K. McDonald	(Rec. 45)	„	12
E. W. Abbott	(Rec. 55)	„ J. A. Craig	(Rec. 50)	„	13
R. B. Barmby	(Rec. 50)	„ J. I. Armstrong	(Rec. 55)	„	2
E. Lyons	(Rec. 40)	„ C. E. Young	(Rec. 30)	„	18
H. G. Parr	(Rec. 50)	„ A. J. Naylor	(Rec. 45)	„	forfeit
E. A. Davis	(Rec. 20)	„ T. Leach	(Rec. 45)	„	4
D. F. Graham	(Rec. 45)	„ F. Tinworth	(Rec. 60)	„	8
P. B. Lusk	(Rec. 50)	„ C. Summerhayes	(Rec. 50)	„	forfeit
H. J. Robertson	(Scratch)	„ C. K. McDonald	(Rec. 45)	„	21
W. A. McDonald	(Rec. 60)	„ N. R. Plomley	(Rec. 30)	„	22
J. A. Roles	(Rec. 45)	„ A. E. Stutchbury	(Rec. 60)	„	41
R. Hutchinson	(Rec. 55)	„ C. Bingham	(Rec. 45)	„	43
S. Peters	(Rec. 40)	„ J. A. Williams	(Rec. 45)	„	36
G. J. Moore	(Rec. 55)	„ H. Hill	(Rec. 40)	„	33
W. S. Edwards	(Rec. 45)	„ R. R. Doyle	(Rec. 55)	„	10
J. W. Anderson	(Rec. 60)	„ A. Callaghan	(Rec. 40)	„	38
R. H. Alderson	(Rec. 35)	„ R. J. Hastings	(Rec. 50)	„	forfeit
R. G. Mead	(Rec. 50)	„ P. B. Lindsay	(Rec. 50)	„	25
A. J. Chown	(Rec. 25)	„ H. Sullings	(Rec. 45)	„	38
H. F. Kent	(Rec. 45)	„ H. H. Robinson	(Rec. 40)	„	37
W. Longworth	(Rec. 50)	„ A. V. Miller	(Rec. 25)	„	32
C. S. Brice	(Rec. 50)	„ D. J. Ford	(Rec. 40)	„	7
J. Harris	(Rec. 50)	„ A. Browning	(Rec. 55)	„	46
C. L. Parker	(Rec. 50)	„ G. H. Booth	(Rec. 55)	„	21
W. R. Dovey	(Rec. 50)	„ C. Rich	(Rec. 55)	„	17
A. G. Bull	(Owes 7)	„ C. Lavigne	(Rec. 45)	„	39



KNOW YOUR CLUB!

GROUND FLOOR:

Mail and Cloak Room, Enquiry Office, and Visitors' Waiting Room.

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Newcastle Tattersall's Club

Resumes Racing after 14 years

With a fine day's racing on June 3, Newcastle Tattersall's Club held their first Meeting since 1936. Guests from our Club were royally entertained and returned full of praise for the friendliness and enterprise of our Newcastle confreres.

SPECIALLY representing Tattersall's Club at Newcastle Tattersall's Club's race meeting on June 3 were John Hickey (Chairman), George Chiene, W. H. Sellen, A. V. Miller (Committee) and M. J. D. Dawson (Secretary).

"This sporting gesture we greatly appreciate," said Dave Mackie, Chairman of Newcastle Tattersall's Club. "Your presence is evidence of the good-fellowship that has existed over the years between your club and ours, among your members and ours and my committee, and I, as Chairman, extend to you, personally, and officially, our warmest greetings. We know you will enjoy yourselves; in fact, we shall see that you enjoy yourselves."

John Hickey said at once, in his acknowledgment, that members of his committee and he were already aware—and the night was yet young—that their visit would be enjoyable. Newcastle hospitality had ever been described in formidable terms by those who had represented Tattersall's Club on previous occasions.

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Mr. Hickey added: "We congratulate you on your resuming racing and wish you success now and in the future."

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Members of Newcastle Tattersall's Club committee who accepted in the role of supplementary hosts to the Chairman (Mr. Mackie) on the occasion of the

reception were: Eric Smith (vice-president), W. J. Lowes, D. G. Fitzpatrick, L. E. Alcorn, J. W. Mackie (son of the Chairman). Master of Ceremonies was Brian O'Donnell (Secretary), whose organisation on this social occasion and in the conduct of the race meeting was without hitch.

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Dave Mackie showed that he had those personal qualities which usually distinguish the successful leader — a friendly personality, enthusiasm for the task and enterprise.

Other members of the committee met at the race meeting were J. Hogan, F. Clayton and F. Searle.

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Broadmeadow's course, made available by Newcastle Jockey Club, was a picture, suggesting that a green carpet had been unwound, and represented by fervent locals as "the equal of Randwick, at least." The additional "at least" spoke volumes.

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Newcastle sportsmen were also very proud of their club, as well they might be. "Of course," some said, "it could be bigger. We have hundreds on the waiting list — good sportsmen, too. Nothing can be done about it until building restrictions are lifted and until more labour is available and materials are in greater supply."

Time can take care of that problem. Meantime, the club has the essentials of a sporting

institution not expressed altogether in material things.

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E. F. Smith, who won the principal race (Mackie Handicap) with Burnley, bred and trained the mare as well as its sire, Bradford (by Rossindale) and its dam, Venusta. Mr. Smith won Newcastle Tattersall's Cup in 1927 with Donald, winner of the Summer Cup in 1928 and 1929.

Running also for Mr. Smith was Barnsley, known at Randwick as a mudlark; but all Mr. Smith's horses can handle the heavy going. They are trained by him on a track at his dairy property, Fullerton Cove, between Newcastle and Port Stephens—a spot in the rain-belt.

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Veterans at the race meeting: Jack Allen (84), former secretary of Newcastle Tattersall's Club; Tom Moran, among the oldest club members; Tom Rowland, who has not missed a club race meeting since the first in 1896; Frank McNamara, 14 years vice-president of the club, was born in the year Sheet Anchor won the Melbourne Cup (Frank says: "I won't tell my age but guess that year and you'll know it"); Tom Griffiths, life member of the Club, who has attended every club race meeting since the first in 1896, and who saw Apologue, Lord Nolan and Positatus beaten at Wallsend and Newcastle meetings. All three horses later won the Melbourne Cup.



The Editor asks your help

FOR a great many years, Tattersall's Club Magazine has been prepared and produced by the Magazine Committee and Secretary, with the willing help of journalist members of the Club. Because the onerous responsibility of editing the magazine fell unduly on individuals, the Committee recently decided to appoint a permanent editor.

Our gratitude is due to the members who so often helped with the magazine up to now; with their continued support, it is hoped to make Tattersall's Club Magazine of even greater and more topical interest to members.

The new Editor, Peter Massingham, will be particularly grateful for notes, personal paragraphs and articles for inclusion in future issues — the more help is given, the more interesting the magazine will become. Matter may be left, addressed "The Editor," care of the Club Office on the second floor.

N.S.W. CLUB BOWLERS TO BE OUR GUESTS

A Bowling Club has now been formed by the New South Wales Club, and at their inaugural outing on 27th July they will be our guests at Double Bay for luncheon. As they will be lead by Wal Currey, well known to all bowlers, in addition to the pleasure of entertaining the players from the N.S.W. Club, very interesting and high-class bowling is anticipated.

Bowling Notes

OUR bowls, in common with most other outdoor sport, has been disrupted by the continued rain. Fixtures with the Cinema Industry, Pratten Park and the R.A.C.A. had to be abandoned owing to the greens being waterlogged.

We were fortunate to be able to play a game against the Millions Club at Double Bay on 1/6/1950, and in spite of lack of practice our team showed excellent form and had a substantial winning margin.

Club's Good Win

Details: Bavington, Monro, Young, Booth (T.), 29; Ife, Jeffreys, Geldard, Lumley (M.), 7. Hale, Ruthven, Collins, Roles (T.), 23; McElone, Clayton, Rolle, Hudspeth (M.), 22. Mitchell, McDonald, Dewdney, Bloomfield (T.), 23; Kellett, Fahey, Linton, Chessel (M.), 12. Glynn, Gawler, McIntosh, Traversi (T.), 35; Higgins, Gleed, Walker, Christie (M.), 14.

Totals: Tatts., 110, Millions, 55.

Skipper Gordon Booth and Charlie Traversi (on this occasion Charlie had a good third) both had very substantial margins.

General Meeting

On 19th inst. our general meeting of members was held, and the large, enthusiastic attendance demonstrated the popularity of this section of the Club's various amenities.

The Report showed our membership to have grown to 105 and our finances to be in a healthy condition.

The Report and Balance Sheet was adopted on the motion of J. A. Roles, who eulogised the success of the Bowling Section, and stressed the fact that it had enabled us to make many new friends and enjoy many

outings together at the various clubs. He particularly mentioned the Double Bay Club, which has always been willing to place a green at our disposal and also the Club House to enable us to entertain our friends. He also paid tribute to the untiring efforts of Hon. Secretary Gordon Booth to whom the credit of the Club's popularity is mainly due.

The formation of the Bowls Section was originally conceived by Jack Roles and we are grateful to him.

The election of office bearers resulted as follows:—

Patron: John Hickey.

President: E. G. Dewdney. (J. A. Roles said he felt this office should not be held indefinitely and did not offer himself for re-election.)

Vice-Presidents: C. E. Young, J. A. Roles, C. L. Davis, A. Bloomfield.

Committee: E. F. Kreiger, C. Traversi, Ken Williams, J. K. Monro.

Hon. Secretary: Gordon H. Booth.

Hon. Treasurer:-Asst. Hon. Secretary: Harold Hill.

Hon. Auditor: H. V. Quinton.

After numerous suggestions were brought forward for consideration by the incoming Committee the meeting concluded; upon which the retiring President, Jack Roles, presented trophies to the winners of the Pairs Handicap, Gordon Booth and Archie Price, and to the runner-up, Jack Monro, who was partnered by Stan Chatterton, at present overseas.

New Competition

A new competition, the nature of which has not yet been finally decided upon, will shortly be announced, and we look forward to some interesting bowling in months to come.

Max Hirsch Trains Horses—and Owners

To me, training horses has always seemed to be a very jolly sort of job. Like keeping an exclusive and expensive guest-house with guests that can't complain. Certainly you are liable to have to get up very early in the morning, but in return for your trouble there's the little whisper direct from each horse's lips on what's going to happen next Saturday afternoon.

Of course, if you talk to any of our members who happen to be trainers, they will tell you that training is a very hard and underpaid profession with more knocks than bouquets; and that our four-footed friends are very dumb when it comes to giving out race information. In reply, let me quote to you about a certain Mr. Max Hirsch, of Belmont Park, N.Y., concerning whom some interesting articles have recently appeared in American papers; for Mr Hirsch is highly successful at training race-horses . . . and their millionaire owners, too.

For some thirty years, Max Hirsch has been earning a fabulous income, in dollars, too, by training horses like Sarazen for Mrs. Graham Vanderbilt, Bold Venture for Morton Schwartz, Assault for Robert Kleberg. Hirsch operates differently from most U.S. trainers, he keeps what they call a public stable, instead of contracting exclusively with one owner as is more often the case among the top-flight men over there. He normally has up to thirty-six horses in training at Belmont Park, the racing centre outside New York, and more in his winter quarters

in Columbia, South Carolina. Owners pay ten dollars a day per horse for feed and training, plus stall rent of seven dollars a month in New York, ten dollars a month in winter quarters.

Owners also pay blacksmith and vet bills, medicines and shipping; for racing, stake nominations and jockeys' fees are extra. Mr. Hirsch also gets ten per cent. of first, second and third money earned by the thoroughbreds he trains; in America, the land of big stakes, that last item really amounts to something.



The same the whole world over! Max Hirsch up on a chilly dawn to superintend the training of his four-footed athletes.

In return for all this, Max Hirsch supplies a tremendous knowledge of every phase of racing and of horse management. Some of his methods are conventional, some not. He believes in trying every new feed and vitamin pill that comes on the market; he has three different kinds of hay hanging in every horse's stall. In a country which often believes that every horse should get plenty of rest, walking and slow gallops between races, Hirsch works his four-footed athletes hard, with full training gallops every other day. Fellow trainers have been known to say that "Max is a good trainer, if the horse can take it." He admits you can't train poor horses as hard as the good ones; but he isn't interested in cheap horses, like the poor owners, he passes them on to somebody else.

Despite his reputation for working his charges down to skin, bone, and good solid muscle, Hirsch has been remarkably successful with fillies. In 1947, for example, he conned the career of But Why Not for the fabulous King Ranch of Texas, to win the greatest money of any three-year-old filly in racing history. Also, like most good trainers, he is painstakingly patient with the promising "problem-horse." Assault, owned by millionaire Robert Kleberg, was an outstanding stake-winner, capping a fine career by winning the 1946 Kentucky Derby; he was brought to greatness despite the most hopeless-seeming handicaps.

Assault had been badly injured as a yearling when he ran a spike through his off forefoot, severely damaging the wall and sole in front of the frog. Still lame and unable to gallop, he was actually passed to Hirsch

by mistake. Hirsch, undismayed, fitted a steel spring within the hoof to keep the frog from contracting, and promoted healing by blistering. When the horse was able to gallop, he proved to be a "speed-cutter," and it took weeks of adjustment of his shoe weights and shapes before he could be ridden out without his forefeet gashing the inside of his hocks. Even so, Assault wore heavy leather hock-boots during his racing career, which included an outstanding win of the Derby by the margin of eight lengths.

Max Hirsch, son of a Texas small-farmer, was around thoroughbreds almost as soon as he could indicate his preference.

Briefly he was a trackboy and jockey, then strapper and assistant trainer to John E. Madden; Madden, a penniless foundling who died worth seven million dollars, made a tremendous impression on Hirsch. In 1921, Max Hirsch started training for Arnold Rothstein, a big-time gambler who finally came to a sticky end. In 1923, Max bought Sarazen for Mrs. Graham Vanderbilt, training the horse so successfully that he won eleven races straight. Other rich owners started using Hirsch's services, and he soon gained the reputation of being the "millionaires' trainer." His first blue riband came with the winning of the Kentucky Derby by Bold Venture, sire of Assault.

In appearance, Hirsch is of medium height and build, always dressed conservatively in a business suit and dark felt hat. His manner is studious, almost professorial; adopted purely for the benefit of his owners, so his rivals say. His house at Belmont Park and his stable at Saratoga are always "open"

during meetings, and it is nothing for his housekeeper to cater for a hundred and fifty of the wealthy and social set. Max Hirsch evidently likes the life for he has brought up both his son William and his daughter Mary to be independent trainers —Mary was the first woman to receive a trainer's licence from the ultra-conservative New York Jockey Club.

All in all, I still assert that a trainer's life is a pleasant one, the way Max Hirsch lives it, anyway.

IT'S the same everywhere! Rugby correspondent of the "Olympian" magazine of our affiliated Olympic Club in San Francisco complains of the weather and the referee. With the overwhelming popularity of the Grid Game, it seems surprising that Rugby Union should have its devotees in California. Apparently rules are a little different from ours; about the referee, the "Olympian" says "The referee, fresh from controlling games in Ireland, frequently allowed our opponents to get away with illegal blocking; he was apparently uncertain what other radical changes in addition to our unlimited substitution we permitted in California."

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A neighbour found the airline pilot's wife in tears. "It's Henry," she said. "He's been trying for a week to get rid of our cat. He finally decided to take her up in his aircraft and push her out the loading door."

"Now, that's nothing to worry about," said the neighbour.

"But it is," said the pilot's wife. Henry isn't home yet, but the cat is."

SUMMARY OF SPORTS

ATHLETICS

The 1952 Olympics

AMATEUR sport, constantly struggling for financial strength, proposes to attempt to raise over £100,000 in the next twenty months to send a team to the 1952 Olympic Games at Helsinki, Finland.

The present estimate, subject to revision, is for a team of 160, including the competitors and officials.

Each State is bound to find money on a quota basis and the bulk of the work will fall upon New South Wales and Victoria.

The Olympic Federation has set them £35,000 each.

There are grave doubts within the Federation whether the ambitious figure can be attained, but hopes are that the Victorian Government, and the Federal Government, will each make heavy donations.

All sporting organisations will, of course, be approached, but this time there will be no repeat of the scramble for money such as ensued for the 1948 Olympic Games team.

On this occasion the Federation has taken the stand of enforcing a self help policy.

This throws upon every affiliated athlete the responsibility of making some contribution and to ensure that donations are made the amateur associations affiliated to the Federation have imposed levies.

For instance, the hockey association has levied each member in Australia 6/- yearly. It expects to have over £5,000 in hand when the Australian team is chosen.

Raising of the vast amount required has been split into three sections. Firstly, there is the levy system, secondly the approach to the Governments and other governmental bodies and finally the appeal to the general public.

Though little action has been taken, the women's athletic section and the cycling association are active.

They are to hold joint carnivals in the summer and all money raised will be placed into a special fund.

To boost the appeal of the carnivals, each body has issued invitations to overseas champions and has agreed upon an exchange of athletes.

New Zealand women athletes have already indicated their intention of appearing here and these include the best of their Empire Games competitors.

New Zealand has asked Misses Marjorie Jackson and Judy Carty to visit there early in the New Year.

The Australian Swimming Association has invited America's Olympic Games champions, Joe Verdeur and Alan Stack, to Australia in the coming season.

Verdeur, "butterfly" breast-stroke swimmer, is the world record holder, and Stack is the world record holder for the back-stroke style. They are also good freestyle swimmers.

The effort by the amateur organisations is laudable and hopes are that if the full figure is not reached that the representation will be near 100.

It is considered by the Federation that Australia must show

her willingness to support the Olympic movement to the full, especially as the Olympic Games of 1956 will be held in Melbourne.

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RUGBY UNION

How Gordon Trains

EVER heard of a rugby team which does most of its training between the goal line and the 25-yard mark?

Seems tall speaking, but the Gordon club, tops in Sydney Union, since the start of last season, has perfected the art.

The scheme originated in the Allan family, with Herb Allan coach, Trevor Allan first grade, N.S.W. and Australian captain, and Neil Allan, captain of the reserve grade team, leading spirits.

Gordon had to devise a special means so that it could work up combination so essential to winning football.

The club was forced to this unique action because its forwards are the smallest and lightest in the Union competition.

They rarely secure possession in the scrums and line-outs, but are superior to all in the race to the loose rucks, from where most tries emanate.

So speed has become the motto of the club, and to get the maximum, the side has a special trial each week in the defined area.

The hand-ball must be completed in a specified time.

Each man in the fifteen must handle and do it before the 25-yard space is completed. It

TOPICS

in 60-second sketches

means ball control of a high order.

Is that one reason why Gordon is the Union's best team? There must be something in it for it builds fast, safe handling footballers and gives the side an edge in defence. Last season Gordon, in 18 matches, allowed only 17 tries against it. This season that same defence is working as effectively and the team is nonplussing its opponents.

RUGBY LEAGUE

English Team's Tour

THE casualty list is an important part of the Rugby League story this season, and especially that major section relating to the English team's tour.

Australia has been hard hit, because so many of the mishaps have affected star players.

Sufficient illustration of this is the fact that all members of the three-quarter line that played in the second test in New

Zealand last October were unavailable for the first Test against England on the King's Birthday Holiday, June 12, at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

They were wingers Ron Roberts and Pat McMahon; centres Johnny Hawke and Mat McCoy.

All have since returned to club football, and McMahon played for Queensland against England.

Arthur Daniels lost his Test place when he had an ankle injured at Newcastle; and after

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TYPICAL OF THE MONTH'S SPORT

(Photo courtesy "Sydney Morning Herald.")

In mud and rain, England's half-back Bradshaw is tackled by Australian forward Alan Thompson in the first Rugby League Test.

IMPOSING LIST OF Sires Available

In the past few years the local sire has been pushed to the background by the blaze of publicity accorded the imported horse.

But backstage the Australian — the High Castes, Huas, Valiant Chiefs and the others — have kept up their averages of winners, maybe leaving the majors to the Midstreams, the Dhotis and the others of the imported ilk, but still winning their share of the record stake-money now available.

Without giving the matter much thought the idea quickly forms that progeny of the Australian stallion do not win races of much account.

Seasonal thought is of the meetings for the spring, and on that point there is plenty for reflection. Never has there been available such an imposing list of imported and Australian-bred stallions.

Judged by the Sydney yearling sales buyers were not very impressed by their success, because the first 14 sires in the list of averages all have (imp.) after their names.

But take the King's Cup, a race run at the exacting quality handicap conditions over a mile and a half.

There have been 18 of them run since Spear Maiden, by imported Spearhead, won the inaugural in 1927, and, believe it

or not, four winners have been by Australian sires.

You'd remember one of them readily enough, Chatspa, the grand old galloper who won recently in Tasmania, making it the fifth State in which he had won a cup.

Chatspa is by Chatham, the son of Windbag, himself the Australian-bred son of imported Magpie.

Remembering Valcurl (by Valiant Chief), Debater (by Windbag), and Serlodi (by Lodi)

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as King's Cup winners might not be quite so easy.

If you go back beyond 1920 for comparison you might be giving the Australian an advantage, since in the early part of the century there was not the same opportunity to bring to the country the good horses from England.

Therefore confine any survey to the last 30 years, to the period when the urge to get the horses from overseas has been at its greatest.

Knowing that four of the King's Cup winners were by Australian sires you would guess about the same proportion might have won the Melbourne Cup—and you would be wrong.

There are only five representatives in the 30 cups—Dark Felt (by Spearfelt), Skipton (by Marabou), The Trump (by Manfred), Hall Mark (by Heroic), and White Nose (by Paratoo).

We won't ask you to guess the number who have won the Victoria Derby. You'll sense this to be the trick question. It is. The average is one in three.

Here are the 10 winners of that Classic:—Comie Court (Powerscourt), Magnificent (Ajax), Precept (Peter Pan), Skipton (Marabou), Feldspar (Thracian), Nuffield, Hua, Hall Mark (all by Heroic), Liberal (Windbag), Whittier (Woorak).

Curiously enough the record is not nearly as good in the A.J.C. Derby. Why? Well anyone can have a guess at that one, because an explanation would only be a guess.

The only winners in the 30 years are Valiant Crown (Valiant Chief), Magnificent (Ajax), Main Topic (Talking), Nuffield and Hall Mark (Heroic).

And so it goes on, with the Standish Handicap at Flemington the best hunting ground. No fewer than 15 horses by Australian sires have won that race in the period.

There are more than 1,500 horses serving the stock that reaches the Australian racecourses. Some of them are scarcely heard of, and probably the most obscure are Australian-bred; not to be wondered at since an owner's love of his horse frequently has led to misguided expenditure in installing the animal patriarch of a harem, regardless of the probability or improbability of his siring winners.

This enthusiasm, born of sentiment rather than an idea to do good for the bloodstock industry does a lot towards lowering the prestige of the really first-class Australian sire.

And on the same line of thought the commercialism of the breeder who buys the cheap English horse does even more damage.

No country other than England seems capable of continuing blood lines without regular replenishment from the fountain head.

France, mainly through Marcel Boussac, is enjoying some

success, but America goes back regularly to England, even though it boasts, and with great truth, too, its own sire lines, like that of Lexington.

Just now in Australia the urge is for the imported horse, and the competition is leading to the acquisition of better types than ever.

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You only have to mention the name Gordon, and they take it you are talking about Richards—who else could you mean.

Gordon is their idol, their ideal, their friend.

They love this little sown-off, 5 ft., 8 st. bundle of dynamic personality.

In the eyes of the English there has never been a jockey as good as him, and there will never be another.

To anyone who doubts this the Englishman will ask: "Hasn't he been the leading jockey for

Gordon Richards earns £stg.15,000 a year, more than combined salaries of the Prime Minister and the Chairman of the Bank of England. He has been a leading jockey for more than 20 years; his fortune is estimated at more than £stg.200,000.

22 of the last 25 years? Wasn't he the first to break Fred Archer's record of 246 winning mounts in one season? Isn't he the only one to beat Sam Heapy's aggregate of 3,260 winners?"

Gordon's personality, ability, and gentlemanly manner have endeared him to all sections of the Turf.

Stewards treat him with as much respect as do the stable boys, who come to him with all their grievances and troubles, for advice and guidance in racing matters.

What is this little man like and what has he got that inspires the confidence of all who come in touch with him?

Gordon has thick, coal-black hair, and shaggy eyebrows, bulky, round shoulders, small, soft hands, but strong thumbs, toughened on the inside from gripping reins.

He has the strength of a pocket Hercules in his whip-cord body.

At 46 he is the undisputed King of the English Turf and nine out of ten Englishmen will tell you he is the greatest jockey of all time.

Born at Oakengates (Shropshire), in 1904, Gordon left school at 14 to start life as a clerk.

Although racing wasn't in his family he just couldn't keep away from the stables.

Two girls who worked in the same office of the warehouse at Opengates were largely responsible for him becoming a jockey.

They persuaded him to let them write a reply to an advertisement in a local paper for an apprentice at Martin Hartigan's stable.

The girls were good with words and Gordon got the job.

He was 15 when he had his first ride in a race, but it wasn't



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until 12 months later that he won his first race—on Gay Lord, at Leicester. He has not looked back since.

He had his outstanding year in 1933 when he won all seven races on the programme at Chepstow and followed up with five winners on the second day of the meeting.

It was this year that he topped Fred Archer's long-standing record of 246 winners in a season by riding 259.

He did ever better in 1947 by riding 269 winners.

However, 1933 was Gordon's lucky year. Besides his outstanding success on the Turf, he had a narrow escape in an air crash at Doncaster.

The pilot of the plane in which he was travelling was killed.

That incident would have upset most jockeys, but Gordon has what it takes—the same afternoon he rode two winners.

Fred Archer's grand total of 2,749 winners received the knock-out in 1943 and in 1947 Gordon put paid to Sam Heapy's record of 3,260 winners.

Gordon has gone from one success to another in his 30 years on the Turf and, although he has won practically every race of importance, the English Derby has eluded him.

He's quite philosophical about it and when I was in England last year said: "I reckon I have ten years riding ahead of me, and in that time I ought to have a better than even chance of winning the Derby."

It is estimated that he wins about £stg.80,000 a year in prize-money for various owners.

Despite his great success, friends say he has not changed in the slightest.

The only difference, they say, in the old Gordon and the Gordon of to-day is that he is now

driven by a chauffeur in a high-powered black Rolls Royce saloon.

He keeps a valet and a secretary—absolute essentials for a leading jockey in England.

I saw him ride a lot last year and these are the reasons to which I attribute his greatness.

Firstly, he is under contract to stables which have the biggest and best teams of horses in England.

Secondly, when two stables for which he rides have horses engaged in the same race he picks the best and advises connections of the other to keep him for another race. His opinion is so highly respected that his advice is usually accepted.

Thirdly, he is strong, a live-wire from the start and has good sense of rhythm on his horse, can use the whip effectively, and is always trying.

He is not a stylist. He re-

minds me of Andy Knox in a bigger frame.

I got a shock when I first saw him ride.

He is ungainly in a finish and often lets the reins drop loosely round the mount's neck.

He gets up in the saddle to use the whip, and I have seen him hit horses with the reins on both sides of the neck in a fashion reminiscent of Tom Mix in old-time cowboy pictures.

Because of these defects, Australians who have seen him ride, underrate him.

I agree that Gordon would find it hard to excel if he ever rode in Australia, but his style of riding is designed to suit English horses on English tracks—and, after all, results speak for themselves.

The English racing public will continue to love him as long as he rides and I have no doubt that to them he will always be "the little King without a crown."

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This photograph shows the members of Tattersall's Club Committee for 1925-26 . . . a year or two earlier than the paragraphs on the next page, which were taken from volume 1 of the Club Magazine.

In the front row, left to right: A. H. Cohen, J. Nelson, James Barnes (Chairman), W. A. Parker, M. J. Kinnane. Back row: F. G. Underwood, J. A. Roles, A. C. Ingham, T. Hannan, G. Marlow, T. T. Manning.

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The Magazine 21 Years Ago

Looking Back on Tattersall's Club

★ July, 1929

NEWLY-ELECTED Chairman, Mr. A. C. Ingham, had just taken over from Mr. James Barnes, who retired after no less than twelve eventful years in the Chair. Treasurer: Ald. J. M. Dunningham; Committee: Messrs. Thomas Hannan, Hubert Hourigan, George Marlow, J. H. O'Dea, John Roles (yes, the same John Roles), J. H. Saunders, F. G. Underwood, W. H. Whiddon. At that time, members of the Committee served for two years, retiring in rotation.

Following on the announcement of Mr. James Barnes' retirement, the Committee decided to rename the Winter Stakes, chief event of the Club's winter meeting, the James Barnes Plate. The first race under the new name was won by club member Robert Miller's gelding, Inducement.

A rather critical article on the "Tote." At that time the totalisator system in New South Wales paid on the basis of 60 per cent. for first horse, 20 per cent. for second and third, the dividends being calculated after the statutory deductions (Club 3½ per cent., Government 9 per cent.); the author felt that the allocation for winning investors, actually £52/4/- in every £100, was not sufficient return for the serious punter.

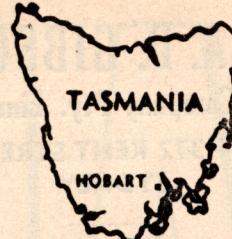
Tote investments for 1927/28 were only a little over two million pounds.

Visiting All Blacks Rugby Union team were welcomed to the Club at a function on June 27.

The buffet service in the Athletic Department was started with the installation of a service on the third floor.

Advertisements include a Studebaker President Straight Eight at £695. Bollinger Champagne, 1918 vintage—price not stated. The new Reo "Flying Clouds"—remember them? A Graham-Paige at £335; a "Safety" Stutz with a gadget to prevent the car rolling backwards — wonder what happened to the Stutz, went out in the depression most likely. And advertisements for no less than nine Scotchies.

Personal pars of 21 years ago: Dr. W. C. Daish is back in harness. E. P. Tressider returned from trip to Java. J. Dexter severs his connection with the "Referee." A. W. Thompson, Widden studmaster, has an injured knee. R. Wooton has erected a new hotel at Kensington. Rube Clayton embarks for England. Percy Pilcher entertained by members on eve of his departure for America.



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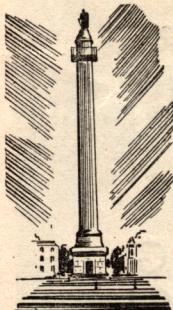
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SPORTS TOPICS

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the Test he broke a collar-bone at Kempsey.

Roy Pollard dislocated a collar-bone when playing against N.S.W.

England's casualty list was a nasty one; but the visitors had the consolation of having won the first Test, and so were 1 up with 2 to play; whereas Australia was in the desperate position of requiring to win the remaining two Tests to recapture the long-lost "ashes."

The England v. Q'land game in Brisbane on June 17 provided two sensations: England's first defeat of the tour (by 15 points to 14), and an unseemly brawl at the end of the game.

The most significant lesson from this torrid game was that the English forwards could be shaken—provided the opposition played as solidly as did the strong Queensland pack. The English forwards, yes, and also stocky, aggressive half-back, Tommy Bradshaw.

A shining feature of England's form in Queensland has been the classical displays of the two brilliant centres, Ernest Ward and Ernest Ashcroft. Their footwork has been a delight to watch.

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BOXING

The Lightweights

LIIGHTWEIGHT champion Jack Hassen's defeat by the clever American, Freddie Dawson, has again blasted hopes of Australia producing a world-class lightweight in the present era.

Hassen paid the penalty of inexperience garnered only by quick fights against good opponents and there seems little likelihood of Hassen gaining this experience.

He has fought himself out of Australian opponents and now has to rely on matches with importations or seek fights in the

welterweight division.

Hassen has fought 10 fights since he came to Sydney two years ago. Now 26 years of age and assuming that he has three more years in the boxing game, he would have only 15 more fights at his present rate.

Dawson, who so easily stopped him last Monday night, fought about 20 fights during the preceding 12 months.

The geographic position of Australia and dollar problems are all conspiring against boxing here by preventing a steady flow of good opponents for our local men.

Nor are there sufficient stadiums or fight nights to develop a good crop of local boys. Lack of local talent, however, does not rest entirely on the shoulders of the promoters.

In these days of high wages young men are loath to take batterings in the ring for extra money.

There is a little hope in the lightweight division with another star shining on the horizon in the shape of Alfie Clay, the Queensland Aboriginal.

Clay is a better equipped boxer than Hassen although he might not possess Hassen's devastating punch. No mean puncher, he can move quickly, has a good straight left, and adapts himself more quickly.

In several training work-outs with Hassen recently Clay has come out slightly the better of the pair.

With more experience he might easily eclipse Hassen but then there arises the possibility that the pair will never meet.

As well as being schoolboy mates, they both belong to the same stable—Ern McQuillan's—and Clay has stated that he would never fight Hassen in the ring.

McQuillan is toying with the idea of building Clay up to the welterweight division—Clay has

already built up from a small featherweight to a fully-fledged lightweight since his arrival in Sydney last year.

An interesting fight this month will be the Australian amateur champion Billy Barber's professional debut against Mickey McDonald.

Barber, an Olympic and Empire Games representative, should be thoroughly tested by the strong and fast-working McDonald. If Barber can do well he might make the future of the lightweight division more interesting.

One question running through boxing followers' minds over the last two years was solved by Freddie Dawson's summing up of Hassen after their fight.

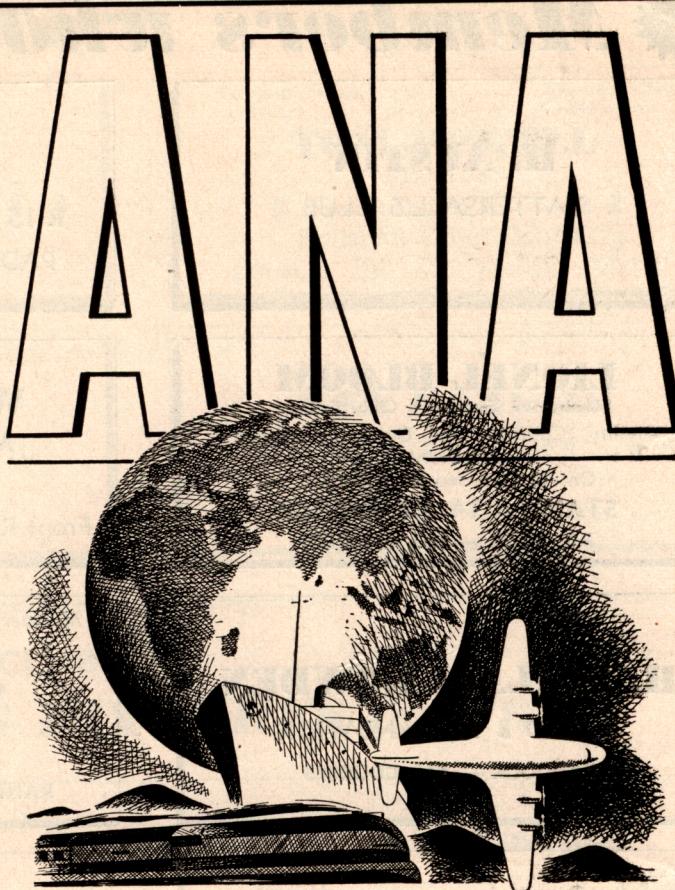
"Hassen is a good boy and a hard puncher, but Vic Patrick is still the hardest hitting lightweight I have ever met," he said.

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Sydney Turf Club Sat. 29
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AUGUST

Sydney Turf Club Sat. 5
(At Canterbury Park)

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Mon. 7
(At Randwick)

Sydney Turf Club Sat. 12
(At Canterbury Park)

Hawkesbury Racing Club Sat. 19
(At Rosehill)

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 26
(At Randwick)

SEPTEMBER

Sydney Turf Club Sat. 2
(At Canterbury Park)

Tattersall's Club Sat. 9
(At Randwick)

Sydney Turf Club Sat. 16
(At Rosehill)

Sydney Turf Club Sat. 23
(At Rosehill)

Australian Jockey Club.... Sat. 30

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OCTOBER

Australian Jockey Club.... Mon. 2

Australian Jockey Club.... Wed. 4

Australian Jockey Club.... Sat. 7

City Tattersall's Club ... Sat. 14
(At Randwick)

Sydney Turf Club Sat. 21
(At Rosehill)

Sydney Turf Club Sat. 28
(At Moorefield)

NOVEMBER

Sydney Turf Club Sat. 4
(At Canterbury Park)

Sydney Turf Club Sat. 11
(At Canterbury Park)

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 18
(At Randwick)

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 25
(At Randwick)

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DECEMBER

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 2
(At Randwick)

Sydney Turf Club Sat. 9
(At Rosehill)

Sydney Turf Club Sat. 16
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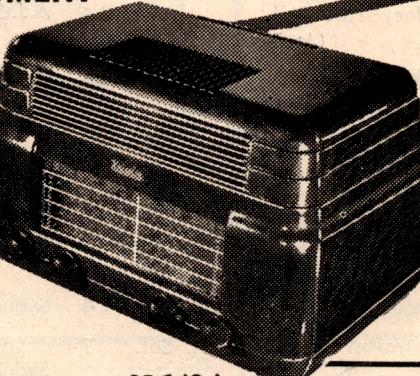
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(Above) Jack Mandel, Tom Powell and party, with Miss Australia (Margaret Hughes), dressed ready for Royal Ascot; outside Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London.

(Right) Fred Vockler with Miss Hughes, looking as though he knew all the winners.



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